(5) will there not be considerable advance commercially of the plots through which the said thodu will run on account of facilities of transport;

(6) if such a thodu is constructed how much land will have to be acquired and at what cost; are there extensive porambokes in the locality; and if so, how much;

(7) had the Irrigation Special Engineer at any time adverted to the necessity or otherwise of this thodu; if so, with what result; will the Government be pleased to place on the table his report and the order of the Government thereon?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Failure of crops had occured in certain years when rainfall was very heavy. Government have received several representations in the matter, the latest one being in August last.

(2) Irimpanam 890 acres.
Eroor 970 acres.
Punnurunni 200 acres.

(3) There are some outlets; but they are inadequate. A scheme designed to give better drainage facilities to the localities is now engaging the attention of the Government.

(4) It may give relief to the lands on the western margin of the eastern river. As for the possibility of converting single crop lands into double crop ones the question can be answered only after investigation.

(5) The canal will be useful for navigation purposes.

(6) The question can be answered only after investigation. There are porambokes in the locality.

(7) This thodu also has been adverted to in the Chief Engineer's scheme now under the consideration of Government. Extract from the Chief Engineer's report relating to the thodu is appended *(Appendix II.)*

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—(3) What is the distance of the next outlet from the Chambakkadavu thodu to the next thodu that connects the eastern side of the Ernakulam backwater?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not exactly know the locality. I want notice.

Silver Jubilee—grant of free lands to beggars.

133. Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—With regard to the proposal, in honour of the King's Silver Jubilee, to grant free lands

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to beggars, will the Government be pleased to state how many applications have been received up to 16th Vrischigam 1111?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—4,471.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—This number up to 16th Vrischigom, is it not?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Some more applications might have come in after the date.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The question was with respect to the 16th Vrischigom.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, of these 4,471 applications for free grant of land, has any been disposed of?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—They were being received upto the 16th Vrischigom 1111. We do not dispose of applications as they come in. It is only when all the applications have come in that we dispose of them.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I have a direct answer to my question?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.— They have not been disposed of.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the extent of land they are going to give to each applicant?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—10 cents.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—To 1000 people?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Then what about the balance of 3,000 and odd?

Mr. President.—They won't get any land. (Laughter).

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—What is the total acreage of land that is going to be given?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—100 acres.

Opening of the Kadavallur-Pazhanji road.

134. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of times the Government have given promises in the Legislative Council to open the Kadavallur-Pazhanji road;

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